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The New York republican state committee has decided to hold the state convention at Saratoga, September 18.

It was announced, on the 24th, that the engagement of the czarowitz to Princess Alix of Hesse had been broken off.

Mrs. Leland Stanford has notified the government of her rejection of its claim of \$15,000,000 against the estate of the late Senator Stanford.

The fourth session of the seventh parliament of the dominion of Canada was pronounced on the 24th by his excellency the governor general.

The populist congressional convention, which was held at Hutchinson, Kas., on the 23rd, renominated Hon. Jeremiah Simpson by acclamation.

The American yacht Vigilant won on the 24th, in her twelfth 50-mile race with the prince of Wales yacht Britannia. The advantage was with the winning boat from the start.

Cholera is rapidly spreading in Galicia, especially in the western district of Cracow and in the eastern districts near the Russian frontier. Traffic across the frontier has been prohibited.

The failures in the United States for the week ended on the 27th were 239, against 286 for the corresponding week of last year. In Canada the failures numbered 29, against 23 for the same period last year.

An attempt to start the street cars in Youngstown, O., on the 25th, after a ten days' tie-up resulted in riotous demonstrations and severe conflicts between mobs and the police. Great excitement prevailed all over the city.

The executive committee of the Knights of Labor will send campaign literature and speakers into the districts of Reed, of Maine, and Bailey, of Texas, and others whom they believe to be unfriendly to the cause of labor.

A large steamer collided with a ferry boat near Grondy, Russia, on the 26th, sinking the latter. Fourteen of the ferry boat's passengers were drowned, and eleven were fatally injured by being crushed when the boats came together.

Gov. McKinley of Ohio, ex-Gov. Merriam of Minnesota, and ex-Gov. Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, were, on the 24th, all guests of M. A. Hanna, at Cleveland, O., but it is claimed there was no political significance attached to the meeting.

Richard Lawrence and Edward Rhodes, two strikers from Chillicothe, Ill., were found guilty of contempt by Circuit Court at Chicago, on the 24th, and sentenced to forty days' imprisonment each.

The commissioner of labor, ex-officio chairman of the strike commission appointed by the president, called a meeting of the commission for organization, conference and preliminary work at the department of labor, in Washington, on the 26th.

The final splice of the new Anglo-American Telegraph Co.'s new cable was made, on the 26th, at 11 a.m. Greenwich time, off Heart's Content, N. F., and the laying of the largest cable across the Atlantic was successfully completed.

The senate committee on territories ordered a favorable report, on the 24th, on the admission into the Union of the territories of Arizona and New Mexico. The bill is drawn on the same lines as that followed in the bill for the admission of Utah.

Queen Victoria will witness the match race between the Britannia and the Vigilant over the queen's course off the Isle of Wight, on August 4. The prince of Wales will himself sail the Britannia, and the duke of York will also be on board.

Chico, the human gorilla, attached to Barnum & Bailey's circus, died at the fair grounds in Dayton, O., shortly after the performance on the night of the 26th. Mr. Bailey had recently refused an offer of \$10,000 for Chico. The body was embalmed like any human and sent to New York.

The province of Guadalajara, Spain, has been visited by three hurricanes accompanied by heavy rains and hail storms. The river Segre overflowed its banks and destroyed what little was left of the vineyards after the passage of the storms. Many villages in the province were inundated.

The well-known Russian author and publisher, Nikolai M. Yanderevich, who was for many years owner and editor of the Eastern Review, of St. Petersburg, and who was regarded as one of the best-informed men in the world with regard to the history, archeology and anthropology of Asiatic Russia, died suddenly on June 19 at Barnard, Siberia.

The president sent a message to congress, on the 24th, stating that Queen Liloukalani had earnestly requested the United States not to recognize the republic of Hawaii, and that Minister Willis had informed Mr. Parker, the queen's last minister of foreign affairs, that he thought the senate resolution not to interfere was the final action of that body.

A dispatch from Shanghai, of date the 23rd, says: "War has been declared between Japan and China. The Japanese have seized the king of Corea. Most of the Chinese troops in Corea are coolies armed with bows and arrows. The Japanese troops have prevented several Chinese troop ships from landing, and it is reported that the Japanese artillery has sunk several of them."

The steamer Myranda, carrying to Greenland the Cook Arctic expedition, consisting of fifty-four persons, professors, scientists, university students and others, for the purpose of exploring West Greenland, which left St. Johns, N. F., on the 15th, returned on the 24th disabled, having collided with an iceberg at the entrance to the Straits of Belle Isle. It was expected that the necessary repairs would be made and that the boat would put north again in about ten days.

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.
FIFTY-THIRD CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 24th, the event of principal interest was Mr. Gorman's speech, taken up by the committee on the 24th by the president in his letter to Chairman Wilson, of the house ways and means committee. He spent three hours in advocacy of the senate bill, and declared that both the secretary of the treasury and the president had given their assent to the conference bill as prepared by Senators Jones and Vest. In this he was corroborated by both the senators named. Senator White favored the motion to insist on further conference. No action was taken on any of the pending motions. In the house, it being impossible to secure a quorum on account of the attraction in the senate chamber, no business was transacted.

In the senate, on the 25th, Mr. Hill twice two hours in defense of President Cleveland and his letter to Chairman Wilson, and in denunciation of the senators who had spoken against the president. Mr. Caffery (Ia.) submitted a motion for the restoration of a sugar bounty for 1894, and declared explicitly for himself and his colleagues that they would not vote for the tariff bill if it put sugar on the free list. In the house, fourteen bills reported from the committee on public lands were passed. The bill relating to the discharge of postal clerks as fast as vacancies occur was passed. An unavailing effort was made to consider the bill for the payment of the direct tax collected from West Virginia, irrespective of claims of the government against that state.

In the senate, on the 26th, during the morning hours, the conference on the calendar and session, the conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was agreed to. The remainder of the session was taken up by a general session of the house for a further conference on the tariff bill, which went over without action. In the house, on the 26th, a general session of the committee on invalid pensions, were passed; senate bill to pension Frances Corse, widow of Gen. John M. Corse, at the rate of \$100 per month, was also passed. The conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was agreed to.

In the senate, on the 26th, about twenty bills were taken from the calendar during the morning hour, considered by unanimous consent and passed. None of them were of much public interest. The house message relating to a further conference was taken up, and its discussion (without reaching a conclusion) occupied the remainder of the session. In the house, on the 26th, the conference report on the consideration of business reported from the committee on interstate and foreign commerce and commerce, bills were passed. The conference report on the fortifications appropriation bill was agreed to. It now carries a total of \$2,470,000, an increase over that of the bill for the year ended June 30, of \$210,000.

In the senate, on the 27th, Senator Gray's motion to insist and agree to a further conference on the tariff bill was agreed to without a division, and the original seven conferees were appointed. The conference report on the appropriation bill was agreed to, and the conference report on the military appropriation bill was agreed to.

On the 23rd the Canadian revenue cutter Petrol seized the American steamer Louise on the east side of Point Pelee. The Louise was engaged in the fishing trade, and is charged with trespassing in Canadian waters.

On the 24th the British charge d'affaires at Tokyo wired the British consul at Shanghai that Japan had agreed to treat Shanghai as outside the sphere of operations in any warfare that Japan may engage in with Corea.

Three houses were destroyed by fire on Van Horn street, between Oakley and Leach streets, in Chicago, on the 26th. Four children were killed and a number of persons injured.

Three bogus checks, aggregating \$2,000, drawn on the Columbia national bank of Washington, have been passed in New York city. The Lincoln national bank was victimized to the extent of \$10,000, and the Fourteenth national bank for \$900.

The republicans of the first congressional district of Maine met in Biddeford, on the 24th, and renominated Hon. Thomas B. Reed for congress.

On the 25th, Judge Baker, of Chicago, held Mrs. Warren Springer to the grand jury on the charge of attempting to bribe Jurors Marman and Silder in the land-condemnation suit of the Metropolitan West Side Elevated Railroad Co. vs. Warren Springer. She was released on \$5,000 bonds.

The 600-foot bridge of the Northern Pacific, between the American river in Wisconsin was entirely destroyed by forest fires on the 24th. It will take a crew working night and day at least a week to replace it.

The seconds respectively of Deputy Denoux and Jean Dault, of the socialist Journal La Libre Parole, of Paris, agreed, on the 24th, that there was no ground for a duel between the two gentlemen.

Errors from central and western Kansas are very discouraging. The corn crop will be a failure in more than half of the state. In the western third of the state the crop is totally ruined, while in the central third a fair crop will be raised only in sections where local rains have fallen. The corn in many fields has burned up.

Derivatives from Denver arrested John Mullins, Herman Rubak and C. C. McKinnis at Colorado Springs, Col., on the 25th, for complicity in tarring and feathering Adjt.-Gen. Tarsney. They were held in bonds of \$5,000. It is said that enough evidence has been secured to convict the suspected parties.

A shark nine feet long, captured in the sound off Oyster Bay, Long Island, was towed ashore on the 23th. When the shark was cut open its stomach was found to contain a child's finger, which had been badly lacerated.

On the 24th the French chamber of deputies passed the second, third and fourth articles of the anti-anarchist bill.

Sir John Annot, a wealthy merchant of Cork, has offered a cash value of 100 guineas to be competed for in an ocean race between the Vigilant, the Britannia and, if possible, the Satanita, the date to be determined upon by the owners of the three yachts mentioned.

CHARLES WILSON was hanged in the St. Louis jail, on the morning of the 26th, for the murder of Mose Hodges, November 8, 1892.

An exploring party of prominent men was descending a mine in West Pittston, Pa., on the 26th, when the cage fell to the bottom. Col. A. G. Mason, superintendent of the Lehigh Valley Co., was instantly killed, and three others are believed to be fatally injured.

The Bennington sailed from La Liberte, on the 26th, for San Francisco, via Acapulco, with Gen. Escata and three other Salvadorean refugees on board.

PROF. FAIR, the Vienna earthquake expert, prophesies that New York city will be destroyed by seismic disturbance August 16.

COKEY has abandoned his deluded followers and gone back to Ohio, where his private affairs imperatively demand his attention.

Three men were arrested in Denver, and three at Colorado Springs, Col., on the 25th, for complicity in the tarring and feathering of Adjt.-Gen. Tarsney at Colorado Springs.

An attempt was made to wreck the midnight express, west-bound, on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad at Nunda, ten miles from Grand Haven, Mich., on the night of the 26th. Rails had been laid across the track, but were discovered by the engineer just in time to stop his train. Discharged employees are suspected.

By the explosion of the boiler of a traction engine, which went through a bridge near Reedsburg, O., on the 27th, Henry Garner was instantly killed. In a similar accident near Lodi, O., on the 26th, George Hart was killed.

In the general term of the New York supreme court, on the 27th, Justices Brown, Cullen and Dykman denied the motion for a new trial for John Y. McKane, the ex-boss of Gravesend, N. Y., thereby affirming the decision of the lower court.

MAISON HOPKINS of Chicago said, on the 27th, that if the Pullman works were not started within a few days he would withdraw the militia.

On the 27th the house labor committee adopted a favorable report on the Springer bill creating a national board of arbitration for the settlement of all labor troubles, strikes, etc.

HOLDERS of New York's municipal bonds received a check, on the 27th, when they read in the newspapers the story of Maj. Matthew J. O'Rourke to the effect that the city had been paying interest on \$15,000,000 fraudulent bonds for a quarter of a century, and that the bonds were held by people in the city ignorant of their worthless character.

ONE of the most disastrous effects of the great strike to Chicago is it is feared will be the disintegration of the great plants at the Union stock yards. On account of the labor unions which exist there it is said that the intention is to scatter the packing-houses.

Mrs. THURGOOD DEALE, daughter of the late James G. Blaine, while bathing at Santa Monica Beach, Cal., on the 25th, narrowly escaped drowning. She ventured beyond her depth, and was only saved from death by the efforts of Proprietor Jones.

The venerable Ellen L. Bowman Vail, widow of the late Bishop Vail, the first bishop of the Episcopal church in Kansas, and daughter of the late Samuel Bowman, of Pennsylvania, died at Topeka, Kas., on the 27th. Mrs. Vail was over fifty years of age.

FOREST fires have been producing great suffering and loss throughout Wisconsin, and railroad companies have never before experienced such damage from fires. On the Wisconsin Central road, for several days, it was impossible to move trains.

It is said that there has been a second fight at sea between Japanese and Chinese warships. A Japanese cruiser is said to have engaged a Chinese cruiser, on the 25th, while the latter was conveying a transport, sinking the cruiser.

EARTHQUAKE shocks were felt in Macedonia, Old Serbia and Eastern Bulgaria on the 27th. Many houses at Varna, Bulgaria, were damaged and a number of people killed as a result of the shocks.

FOREST fires of an unusually destructive character have raged recently in many localities in Wisconsin and other states. On the 25th the town of Phillips, Wis., was swept by cyclones of flame from the burning marshes and woods, and of the 500 buildings in the place all but thirty-seven were destroyed, entailing a loss of nearly \$1,000,000 and resulting in the death of at least sixteen persons.

SEPT. CAMPBELL, of the Burlington, whose division extends through Nebraska, declared, on the 25th, that it will be necessary to ship corn into many counties of that state this year in order that the farmers may live through the season. Hundreds of square miles of the finest-looking corn hangs dry and lifeless on account of the drought. Reports from the lines of the Union Pacific, Rock Island, Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe railroads are of the same tenor.

The representatives of the Hawaiian royalists, en route to Washington to endeavor to induce the United States government to recognize the new Hawaiian republic, arrived in Chicago, on the 26th, too late to take the evening train for Washington, and remained over for one day. While anticipating a respectful hearing they were not over-sanguine of the success of their mission.

ANDREW CARNEGIE, in an interview published in the London Engineering Review, on the 26th, is quoted as saying that he does not think that the United States now requires protection, which he claims is of little use for revenue purposes, since manufactured imports have fallen so low.

The statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended the 25th shows the following changes: Reserves, decrease, \$2,299,575; loans, decrease, \$1,109,000; specie, decrease, \$401,900; legal tenders, decrease, \$5,078,400; deposits, decrease, \$5,081,700; circulation, decrease, \$109,600.

MAYOR BLEE of Cleveland, O., a large owner in western railroads, fell down a flight of stairs at the Coleman house, Asbury Park, N. J., on the 26th, and broke his arm.

VICE-PRESIDENT STEVENSON left his home in Bloomington, Ill., on the 26th, for Washington. He had been home about a week.

The French senate and chamber of deputies were formally prorogued on the 26th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Death of a Speculator.
Thomas H. Carruthers, who made three fortunes in grain speculation, died in St. Louis a few days ago. The deceased was a well-known character on the floor of the St. Louis merchants' exchange, and his influence and power as a speculator at times was courted and feared, according to circumstances, by plungers like Moses Fraley, ex-Gov. D. R. Fraley and a host of others. In fact, he was to the St. Louis grain market what "Old Hutch" was to the Chicago market. In the eighties he was known as the great wheat and corn speculator, and once or twice successfully engineered a corn corner. At one time his wealth was estimated at considerably over half a million of dollars. Then the market went back on him, and he lost all he had. He left St. Louis, got a stake in New York and began speculating on the produce exchange of the great metropolis. Luck favored him, and he found himself again a rich man. Experience did not teach him to quit, or it went for naught, as he began plunging to a larger extent until he found himself penniless. He returned to St. Louis, where his friends helped him financially. This time he embarked in the warehouse business and made money, but the spirit of speculation could not be subdued. He got on the wrong side of the market, which wiped away all he had accumulated in the warehouse business. Once more some of his friends came to his assistance, and he started a commission company. Mr. Carruthers was born in Lockport, N. Y.; was of Scotch extraction; was 48 years old and a bachelor.

The Lake Contrary Bandit.
The bandit, who has been operating on the road between St. Joseph and Lake Contrary for several weeks, was out again the other night. He held up and robbed Clarence Miller, a street car conductor. Miller was relieved of \$25. The highwayman relieved him of the money in about two minutes, and he was allowed to proceed on his way unharmed. Young Miller was out driving with a young lady. All the time Miller was being robbed the young woman was making the scene lively by screaming at the top of her voice. When Miller's clothes had been searched thoroughly he was told to drive on.

Burglar and Policeman.
Patronus David Pomborg, of St. Joseph, who at his home asleep the other afternoon, when he was awakened by the presence of a burglar in the room. The officer was lying on the bed, partly dressed, and when awakened he made for the burglar. The latter was of powerful build and gave the policeman a hard battle. Finally he broke away and escaped from the house, being followed by the officer who fired several shots, wounding the burglar and bringing him to a halt. His wound was not serious. The burglar was armed with a revolver and a knife.

Burned to Death.
Mrs. Mabel Uttley Howard, of Warrensburg, met with an accident the other night which resulted in her death in a few hours. She drew down the hanging parlor lamp to extinguish it, when the hook in the ceiling to which it was suspended gave way, allowing the lamp to fall on her head, scalding her with burning oil and instantly igniting her clothing. She was so badly burned that she expired in a few hours. Mrs. Howard was 31 years old.

A Sudden Summons.
Mrs. Kate Mize was trying on a new pair of shoes in a store at Independence, when she suddenly arose, straightened herself and fell over. In a few minutes she was dead. Mrs. Mize was about 60 years old, and had lived in Jackson county for more than thirty years. Her husband, who died several years ago, was one of the wealthy men of the county before the war, but federal soldiers destroyed his property and he lost nearly all of his fortune.

Drury's New President.
Dr. Homer T. Fuller has informed the authorities of Drury college, at Springfield, that he will accept the presidency of that institution of learning, and begin his labors at the commencement of the scholastic year. Dr. Fuller has been twelve years president of the Worcester (Mass.) polytechnic institute. His career as an educator has been a very successful one.

A Miner Killed.
Henry Anderson, a worker at the new mines at Granada, Douglas county, fell into one of the shafts and was so badly mangled that he only lived a few hours. He was taken to the Anderson home in jail for killing young Large a few days ago, and was an important witness in the case.

Receiver Mitchell Takes Charge.
Receiver Thomas F. Mitchell took charge of the Sedalia, Warsaw & Southwestern railroad the other day. For the present there will not be any changes in the working force of the road.

On a Bad Charge.
Richard G. Kerley, ex-cashier of the local freight office of the Missouri Pacific in St. Louis, was arrested a few days ago under a charge of embezzling \$7,000, and jailed.

Swallowed Strychnine.
John H. Ruedinger, a well-to-do farmer, aged 75, at Little Berger, Gasconade county, committed suicide by taking strychnine; temporary insanity.

Populist Nominee for Congress.
The people's party, in convention at Harrisonville, nominated Rev. A. B. Francisco as candidate for congress for the Sixth congressional district.

Used a Revolver.
Dr. S. G. Weller, of Gentry county, committed a few days ago by shooting with a revolver. Dependency and failing health the cause.

Of Tipton Fever.
Prof. J. N. Hooper, the principal and founder of Hooper institute, at Clarkburg, Monticau county, died the other day of tipton fever.

Fair Grounds Buildings Burned.
The amphitheater, judges' stand and grand stand at the Hannibal fair grounds were destroyed by fire; incendiarism suspected.

In the Clover Counties.
The second crop of clover is reported doing well in Johnson, Cass, Clinton and Jackson counties, and much seed will be saved.

On Two Bad Charges.
W. E. Setser, wanted at Webb City for alleged burglary and horse stealing, was arrested a few days ago at Moberly.

MISSOURI GULLINGS.

J. C. McCullum, an old citizen of Hannibal, died the other night.

Fire starting from a locomotive spark did \$100,000 damage at St. Joseph.

Higginsville is taking action to secure the establishment of a college.

Bert Blackburn, a farmer near Lebanon, fell from his wagon and was killed.

H. A. Alsop, a well-known citizen of Wright county, was killed in a runaway.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stone, aged 94, the oldest resident of Hannibal, died the other day.

So far this season about \$12,000 has been received at Morley for the shipment of cantaloupes.

The North American Turner band has decided to locate executive board headquarters in St. Louis.

It is believed that Judge Thayer, of St. Louis, will get the recently-created judgeship in the Eighth circuit.

Ed Nelson and Froggy Ford, gamblers, quarreled over Nelson's divorced wife at Webb City. Frog was mortally shot.

Adrian, Bates county, has erected six brick and three iron business houses this year, beside a large number of residences.

Eldorado Springs wants a dummy or an electric line to Rich Hill, to give the springs connection with St. Louis and Kansas City.

Engineer John Reynolds and Fireman William Ziser were badly scalded in a collision on the Missouri Pacific near Kirksville.

Wm. Hunneke, of Pacific, was struck by an east-bound Frisco train between Allenton and Eureka, and his head was badly cut and shoulder bruised.

James Murray, convicted of the murder of Street Car Conductor Fitzwilliam, in St. Louis county, has been sentenced to be hanged September 5.

The Liebstadt Millinery Co., capital stock \$45,000, has been incorporated at Kansas City by Bernard Liebstadt, F. Hingebach and John M. Donahoe.

Mrs. Gus Lettich, wife of the editor of the Miami News, died at her home in Miami. She was formerly a Miss Waters, of St. Louis. She leaves five children.

Forty-nine homestead entries, aggregating 4,680 acres, were made at the Springfield land office by Laclede county citizens, during the fiscal year ended June 30.

The wife of Harry Pemberton, a wealthy farmer of St. Joseph, who was fatally burned while soldering a dish-pan over a coal oil lamp, which exploded.

The Winfrey school, Carrollton, during the last twenty years has turned out twenty-one teachers, two lawyers, two doctors, one preacher and some of the best business men in the country.

Of the state officers of Missouri, Secretary of State Lesueur and Railroad Commissioner Hickman served in the confederate army, and Railroad Commissioner Cowgill in the union army.

A cave has been discovered about 3 miles from Hannibal which is said to surpass the Hannibal cave, made famous by Mark Twain's writing. The aisles and chambers are much wider. It will be explored and opened to the public.

Noah Weaver complained to the St. Louis board of health that the potter's field was so filled with graves that in opening new ones the old ones were broken into, and the stench from them was unbearable. Weaver resides in the vicinity of the potter's field.

Suit has been brought at Nevada, by change of venue from Bates county, by a coal miner named Frank Deloth, against the Rich Hill Coal Co. for \$50,000 damages. The amount is asked for injuries received by Deloth in a mine of the company in June, 1893, by the fall of a slate roof.

The contract for the erection of Baptist college at Farmington has been let to Louis Miller, the contractor, who is just completing the Odd Fellows' temple. The building will not be finished in time for the September opening, but school will be held in the Baptist church until the school-building is completed.

The twenty-ninth annual convention of the Missouri Sunday-School association will convene in Chillicothe, August 8, and will remain in session Thursday and Friday. With the near approach of the time for the convention, the Sunday-school leaders of St. Louis and the remainder of the state are busying themselves in preparation for the occasion.

Suit to set aside the will of the late John H. Reid, who died about a year ago leaving practically all of an estate worth about \$250,000 to his half brother, William Reid, was filed in the Jackson circuit court by Thomas E. Flournoy, a half brother, Joseph B. Morris and Nellie F. Morris, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Morris, a half sister of the testator, all of whom live in Independence.

Rev. R. I. Fleming, chairman of the St. Louis conference Epworth League state convention committee of the M. E. church, and Rev. C. W. Casely, chairman of a similar committee in the Missouri conference, state that word has been received from various parts of the state indicative of a wide-spread desire that a convention be held, but that the committee for the present have concluded to hold the matter in abeyance and wait for more light on the subject.

The St. Joseph Daily News has changed hands. Clinton M. Schultz, the editor and business manager, retires, having disposed of all his stock in the company to the other stockholders, who will conduct the paper. No change has been selected to permanently take charge of the plant, and until such action is taken Christopher Rutt, a well-known newspaper man of St. Joseph, and at present secretary of the board of police commissioners, is in charge. Mr. Schultz came to St. Joseph five years ago from Minneapolis and purchased a controlling interest in the News, which at that time was an obscure sheet.

Mrs. Hasenmueller, of South St. Louis, appeared before the board of health the other day on behalf of her niece, Mrs. August Kuntz, who is confined in the insane asylum. Mrs. Hasenmueller alleges that her niece is illegally confined, and that she is perfectly sane, but at the time of her incarceration she was reduced to a state of nervous debility by hard work and lack of food. She claimed the woman's husband was penurious with her, and had her sent to the asylum. He agreed to pay \$5 a month for her, but was let off from this on the plea of hard luck. The case will be inquired into.

UTTERLY WIPED OUT.

The Town of Phillips, Wis., Destroyed by Fire—Three Thousand Persons Homeless—Nearly Eight Hundred Houses Burned—Human Beings Known to Have Perished—Aid from Surrounding Towns Pouring In.

PHILLIPS, Wis., July 29.—At day-break to-day smoke covered an area of 100 miles square. About 3,000 people have fled into the forests or to the villages near by. The town this morning was a smouldering heap of ruins and the smoke was so dense that the headlight of a locomotive could not be seen fifty feet away. Three relief trains reached Phillips soon after 6 o'clock this morning. One was in charge of Gov. George W. Peck and his staff. The second came from Stevens' Point in charge of Frank Lemaux and Crosby Grant, and the third from Marshfield in charge of Maj. W. H. Upham, republican nominee for governor.

As soon as he arrived Gov. Peck called his staff together and directed the work of unloading the provisions. There were several car loads of food and a warehouse was opened in one of the few buildings that are left standing in the town. Through the dense smoke Gov. Peck made his way and found two heavy walls that marked the place where the two banks had stood. On inquiry it was learned that the vaults of the banks contained \$32,000, and Gov. Peck immediately swore in a dozen men to guard the money in the vaults. They were armed with Winchester rifles and ordered to remain on duty in two shifts day and night.

The loss by the conflagration in its entirety is difficult to estimate. Out of 800 buildings in the town only thirty-seven remain. B. W. Davis, of the Davis Lumber Co., estimates the total loss at \$1,500,000, with scarcely half that amount covered by insurance. The Davis Lumber Co. lost \$500,000; fully insured. The next highest loss is that of the Fayette-Shaw Tannery Co., operating one of the largest tanneries in the United States. The tannery was destroyed with its stock, aggregating a loss of nearly \$200,000. The Platz Brewing Co. of Milwaukee had a distribution depot here which was destroyed with a loss of \$30,000.

There is no way of estimating the number of lives lost in the fire, and even after forty-eight hours have passed no one can be found who ventures an opinion of the loss of life. When the people fled before the wave of fire they became separated, and can give no account of each other. It is known that sixteen persons perished on the raft that burned in the bayou. A bridge or trestle crossed the bayou, and when the supports of this bridge burned away it fell. Women and children were crossing at the time, and some must have perished.

The charred body of Anton Flenzer can be seen in the wreck of a brick chimney. The man was attempting to carry his trunk from a burning dwelling, when the brick chimney fell on him, crushing out his life.

As the fire swept towards the bridge a number of children were seen to take refuge in the big lumber yard. Their cries were heard by others who fled towards the water, but the children have never been found.

Of the sixteen persons who lost their lives on the raft that burned in the bayou eight are yet in the water. The body of Frank Cline, a machanic, was found under a pile of driftwood at noon today. The bodies of his wife and children were recovered afterwards. Dynamite was exploded all day in the bayou, and a number of bodies were raised by this means. Jim Lock's body was brought to the surface. He was the butcher who was drowned with his child in his arms.

The true story of the launching of this ill-fated raft has never been told. The only man who tells a comprehensive narrative of the horror is Joseph Bollen, a lumberman. He was standing near a boathouse when a number of women and children came toward him. There were three or four men following. They went to the raft and attempted to push it from the shore when it caught fire. Some jumped into small boats and others remained on the raft. All perished, as the boats were overloaded and sunk. The raft burned to the water's edge.

The local relief committee has issued a statement to the public thanking the generous citizens of the state for their liberal contributions.

To briefly summarize, the fires have burned as follows:

The city of Phillips, entirely wiped out; the city of Mason, practically destroyed; with the White River Lumber Co., and 30,000,000 feet of lumber; headquarters of the Ashland Lumber Co., near Short's Crossing, entirely wiped out; a special train of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, consisting of sixteen cars, and two locomotives, all burned, broken through the burning bridge near Ashland Junction; the camps of the Thompson Lumber Co., burned at White river; two bridges on the main line of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, one near Ashland Junction and one near Mason; two bridges on the Wisconsin Central, one at Chelsea and the other at Phillips, both on the main line south of Ashland.

Several parties of berry pickers from Ashland narrowly escaped with their lives.

Sixty Business Houses and Several Dwelling in Belle Plaine, Ia., Destroyed.

BELLE PLAINE, Ia., July 29.—The cry of fire was heard throughout the town yesterday afternoon. The citizens soon had the fire apparatus out, but owing to the engines steaming slowly the flames, which had started in the roof of a livery stable and were fanned by a strong west wind, had leaped across the street to the business part of the city, and were soon beyond the control of the firemen.

It was impossible to stop the spread of the flames with the apparatus at hand and sixty buildings were burned. Telegrams were hurriedly sent to Cedar Rapids and Tama, but by 9 o'clock the entire business portion of the town was in ashes.

In all over sixty buildings and business concerns were burned out, with a loss of \$450,000, with \$150,000 insurance. Several dwellings and their contents were also destroyed. The Barley house is the only hotel left standing, and it was saved only by a fortunate change of the wind. So far as known no one was killed and but